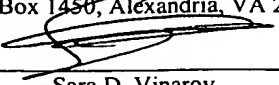


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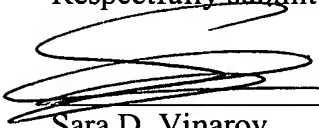
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The applicants of the above-identified patent application hereby assert that the application is entitled to small entity status. Therefore, please make the corresponding change in the application.

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